The Random Jottings of Donald Jay in Nelson in Pendle Lancashire .

Walton Spire Nelson Lancashire. The legend of the battle of Brunanburh had been passed down from generation to generation, and it was said that the menhir was erected as a reminder of the fierce battle that took place on that very ground. People believed that the spirits of the warriors who fought and died in the battle still roamed the area, and that the menhir was a sacred site that should never be touched or tampered with. But R.T. Wroe Walton didn't believe in such superstitions. He was a man of science and progress, and he saw the ancient menhir as nothing more than a crude, unremarkable stone that was in the way of his grand vision. Walton was a wealthy industrialist who owned several mills in the area, and he had a passion for engineering and architecture. When he saw the menhir, he knew that he could use it as a foundation for a monument that would be a testament to his skills and his love for his hometown. So, Walton had the menhir carved and shaped, and he commissioned a team of skilled artisans to create a beautiful spire that would be placed on top of it. The spire was made of fine stone, and it was intricately carved with beautiful patterns and inscriptions. When it was completed, it stood 27 feet tall, towering over the surrounding landscape. The locals were outraged when they saw what Walton had done to the menhir. They saw it as a desecration of a sacred site, and they feared that the spirits of the warriors would be angered by the intrusion. They begged Walton to remove the spire and restore the menhir to its original state, but he refused. He saw the monument as a symbol of progress and enlightenment, and he was determined to see it through. For years, the locals shunned Walton and his monument. They avoided the area around it, and they whispered about the curses that would befall anyone who dared to approach it. But over time, as the years passed, the monument became a part of the landscape. Children played around it, couples took romantic walks to it, and tourists marveled at its beauty. And so, Walton Spire stood, a symbol of both progress and tradition, a testament to the clash between the old ways and the new. The spirits of the warriors may still roam the area, but the spire stands as a reminder that even in the face of change and adversity, the human spirit endures.

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